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Erdogan and Biden meet at a tense moment for Turkish-U.S. ties

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — President Joe Biden and Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan have known each other for years, but their meeting Monday will be their first as heads of state. And it comes at a particularly tense moment for relations between their two countries.

The list of disagreements is unusually long for the two NATO allies: There's U.S. support for Kurdish fighters in Syria, as well as Turkey's purchase of a Russian weapons system. And in April, Biden infuriated Ankara by declaring that the Ottoman-era mass killing and deportations of Armenians was "genocide." Previous U.S. presidents had avoided using the term out of concern that it would complicate ties with Turkey,

which is fiercely proud of its Ottoman history and insists that those killed in the early 20th century were victims of civil war and unrest. However, besides blasting the decision in speeches, Erdogan didn't immediately hit back at Washington. The muted response suggests he wants a good relationship with Biden, said Rachel Ellehuus, an analyst at the Washington think tank Center for Strategic and International Studies. "Not least because he needs that economic relationship with the U.S. and the appearance of a cooperative relationship in order to retain his base, which is very much built on a functioning Turkish economy that is tethered into the West," Ellehuus said.

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In this Jan. 23, 2016, file photo, U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, left, poses for photographers with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, right, prior to their meeting at Yildiz Mabeyn Palace in Istanbul.

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However, before leaving Sunday for the NATO summit in Brussels where he will meet Biden, Erdogan described the president's comments on the killings of Armenians living in the Ottoman Empire as "very negative" and an "approach (that) has seriously upset us."

Erdogan, in power for 18 years as prime minister and then president, also one-on-one meetings with French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson lined up during Monday's summit. He told reporters he plans to "underline the importance we attach to the alliance with our allies." One name apparently not on his list: Italian Premier Mario Draghi, who called Erdogan a "dictator" earlier this year, touching off a diplomatic row. Draghi chuckled nervously Sunday when asked about seeing Erdogan for the first time since but insisted on Turkey's "very important" role in NATO.

Erdogan has dialed down his anti-Western rhetoric as his government grapples with an economic downturn made worse by the coronavirus pandemic.



In this April 26, 2021, file photo, supporters of the Turkey Youth Union chant slogans during a protest outside the U.S. consulate, in Istanbul, against U.S. President Joe Biden's statement after he recognized the events that began in 1915 and killed an estimated 1.5 million Ottoman Armenians as genocide.

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His ruling AKP party has recently been hit by a series of corruption allegations, including drug trafficking and arms smuggling, made by a fugitive mafia boss who has been releasing tell-all videos on social media, without evidence.

"The most important thing for the Turkish leader at this time is to give a veneer of positive relations with the U.S. in terms of Turkey's image," said Merve Tahiroglu, Turkey program coordinator at the Project on Middle East Democracy. "He seems to understand that to get any kind of international investment to Turkey, he will need to project an image of positive relations with the U.S."

Biden has often touted the personal relationships he's developed with world leaders over nearly 50 years as a factor that makes him uniquely equipped to revitalize the reputation of the United States following the presidency of Donald Trump.

In recent days, he's mentioned to aides that he's developed a strong rapport with Erdogan over the years, according to a senior administration official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss

private conversations.

Biden still fondly recalls making a house call to Erdogan in 2011 when he was in Turkey to speak at the Global Entrepreneurs Summit, according to the official. Erdogan did not attend because he was recovering from major surgery, but Biden stopped by to check in on him. Their conversation was supposed to be brief but lasted over two hours.

Still, the relationship has been complicated at times. In 2014, while vice president, Biden apologized to Erdogan after suggesting in a speech that Turkey helped facilitate the rise of the Islamic State militant group by allowing foreign fighters to cross Turkey's border with Syria. During the 2020 presidential campaign, Biden drew ire from Turkish officials after an interview with The New York Times in which he called Erdogan an "autocrat."

Erdogan enjoyed collegial relations with Trump, who didn't give him a hard time about Turkey's human rights record and agreed to withdraw U.S. troops from northern Syria in 2019, paving the way for a Turkish military offensive against Syrian Kurdish fighters who had

fought alongside U.S. forces against IS militants. Biden was strongly critical of that decision, accusing Trump of selling out U.S. allies.

Erdogan waited several days before congratulating Biden on his election victory as Trump challenged the results. At the same time, Erdogan sent a message to Trump thanking him for his "warm friendship."

After taking office, Biden waited three months before giving Erdogan a call, which was widely seen in Turkey as a snub. The first time they spoke after the election was when Biden called to tell Erdogan about the Armenian "genocide" announcement.

In an interview with Turkish state broadcaster TRT on June 1, Erdogan noted he had cordial relations with previous U.S. presidents, particularly Trump, and that he would ask Biden on the sidelines of the NATO meeting "why Turkey-U.S. relations are in such a state of tension."

"There have been many rumors... we need to leave them behind and talk about what we can do and what we will do," he said of U.S.-Turkey relations before departing from Istanbul's Ataturk Airport for Brussels on Sunday.

Biden and Erdogan are expected to take up Turkey's purchase of the S-400 advanced Russian defense systems, a procurement that angered Washington and resulted in Ankara being kicked out of the U.S. F-35 fighter aircraft production program, sanctions on senior Turkish defense industry officials, and bans on military export licenses. Washington says the Russian system is a threat to NATO security and insists that sanctions cannot be lifted until Turkey gets rid of the system, which has cost the country \$2.5 billion.

Turkey repeatedly has

called for dialogue to resolve the issue. Turkish media reports say Turkey is set to propose the deployment of the S-400s at Incirlik air base, which is home to a U.S. Air Force wing, where they would be watched by U.S. military officials. Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu told reporters the S-400s would be "100% under (Turkish) control" and that no Russian military official would be in Turkey.

Erdogan said Sunday that talks with Biden would be "very broad" but he focused on F-35 issue, accusing the U.S. of "not fulfilling its promise, not complying with the contract although Turkey has fulfilled its promise" and reiterating that Ankara was forced to purchase the S-400 system after Washington declined to provide U.S. Patriot missiles. Erdogan is also expected to raise the issue of U.S. military support for Syrian Kurdish fighters, who Ankara argues are inextricably linked to a decades-long Kurdish insurgency in Turkey.

National security adviser Jake Sullivan said Biden and Erdogan will discuss Syria and Iran as well as what role Turkey can play on Afghanistan following the U.S. troop withdrawal. Also on the agenda is how Washington and Ankara "deal with some of our significant differences on values and human rights and other issues," Sullivan said.

The unsettled security situation in Libya, as well as overlapping concerns on China and Russia will also be on the agenda. Sullivan added that Biden knows Erdogan very well.

"The two men have spent a good amount of time together, and they are both, I think, looking forward to the opportunity to really have a business-like opportunity to review the full breadth of their relationship," Sullivan said.

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AP source: Justice Dept secretly subpoenaed McGahn's records

By MICHAEL BALSAMO and ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Apple informed former Trump White House counsel Don McGahn and his wife that the Justice Department had subpoenaed information about accounts belonging to them in 2018, a person familiar with the matter said Sunday, days after two House lawmakers disclosed they, too, had their information secretly subpoenaed.

It's not clear yet why the Trump administration sought the McGahns' records. But the others were part of a leak probe related to the investigation of Russian-related election interference. The extraordinary disclosure that the Justice Department sought records of a sitting White House counsel and others, which was first reported by the New York Times, raises questions about how far the Trump administration was willing to go to ferret out who it thought might be responsible for damaging information about the administration.

Separately on Sunday, the Senate's top Democrat called on the Justice De-



Former White House counsel Don McGahn departs after appearing for questioning behind closed doors by the House Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington, Friday, June 4, 2021.

Associated Press

partment's chief national security official — a Trump appointee who has remained in the Biden administration — to testify under oath voluntarily or face a subpoena to answer questions about secretly seizing the phone data from House Democrats and reporters as part of the aggressive investigations into leaks.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.,

said it is "imperative" the Senate Judiciary Committee issue a subpoena to John Demers, the assistant attorney general for national security, in addition to former attorneys general Bill Barr and Jeff Sessions, if they refuse to appear voluntarily.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., on Sunday also called on Barr, Sessions as well as Rod Rosenstein, the

no. 2 Justice official at the time, to testify under oath in the House about what they knew. She declined to say whether she would push for subpoenas if they refused to appear.

"The Justice Department has been rogue under President Trump, understand that, in so many respects," Pelosi told CNN's "State of the Union." "This is just another manifestation of their

rogue activity."

Schumer and Pelosi's demands come days after news emerged that the Justice Department had secretly subpoenaed Apple for metadata from House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff and another Democratic member of the panel, California Rep. Eric Swalwell, in 2018, as their committee was investigating the former president's ties to Russia. Schiff at the time was the top Democrat on the panel, which was led by Republicans.

Demers has been in charge of the department's national security division since February 2018, being sworn in a few weeks after the subpoena was issued to Apple for the Democrats' records, and his division has played a role in each of the leak investigations. Schumer called on Senate Republicans to join in a demand to issue the subpoenas.

"This was nothing less than a gross abuse of power," Schumer said of the seized records.

"I don't think we've ever had a record of this in the past. ... This is about separation of powers." □

Judge tosses hospital workers' vaccine requirement challenge

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge threw out a lawsuit filed by employees of a Houston hospital system over its requirement that all of its staff be vaccinated against COVID-19.

The Houston Methodist Hospital system suspended 178 employees without pay last week over their refusal to get vaccinated. Of them, 117 sued seeking to overturn the requirement and over their suspension and threatened termination.

In a scathing ruling Saturday, U.S. District Judge Lynn Hughes of Houston deemed lead plaintiff Jennifer Bridges' contention that the vaccines are "experimental and dangerous" to be false and otherwise irrelevant. He also found that her likening the vaccination requirement to

the Nazis' forced medical experimentation on concentration camp captives during the Holocaust to be "reprehensible."

Hughes also ruled that making vaccinations a condition of employment was not coercion, as Bridges contended.

"Bridges can freely choose to accept or refuse a COVID-19 vaccine; however, if she refuses, she will simply need to work somewhere else. If a worker refuses an assignment, changed office, earlier start time, or other directive, he may be properly fired. Every employment includes limits on the worker's behavior in exchange for remuneration. That is all part of the bargain," Hughes concluded. Jared Woodfill, a Houston lawyer representing Bridges

and the other clients, promised an appeal.

"All of my clients continue to be committed to fighting this unjust policy," Woodfill said in a statement. "What is shocking is that many of my clients were on the front line treating COVID-positive patients at Texas Methodist Hospital during the height of the pandemic. As a result, many of them contracted COVID-19. As a thank you for their service and sacrifice, Methodist Hospital awards them a pink slip and sentences them to bankruptcy."

Employees had a June 7 deadline to complete their immunization.

In a Tuesday memo, the hospital system's CEO, Marc Boom, said that 24,947 employees had complied with the vaccination require-



People bring signs to protest Houston Methodist Hospital system's rule of firing any employee who is not immunized by Monday, June 7, 2021, at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital in Baytown, Texas.

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ment and that 27 of the 178 others had received the first of a two-dose vaccine and wouldn't be fired if they got their second. The rest are subject to termination. He

also wrote that 285 other employees received medical or religious exemptions, and 332 were deferred because they were pregnant or for some other reason. □

Victims of Pulse nightclub massacre remembered 5 years later

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The 49 people killed in a mass shooting at a gay nightclub in Florida were honored in Orlando and around the world on Saturday, the fifth anniversary of the attack. Speakers at an evening remembrance ceremony on the grounds of former Pulse nightclub said a rainbow appeared as survivors of the shooting, family members of those who died and first responders gathered. The site, south of downtown Orlando, was turned into an interim memorial lined with photos of the victims and rainbow-colored flowers and mementos.



Visitors pay tribute to the display outside the Pulse nightclub memorial Friday, June 11, 2021, in Orlando, Fla.

Associated Press

Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, who donated blood recently in honor of the people who were killed, said the dead must continue to be remembered with "real change." He promised to help foster a community where everyone feels equally valued and protected.

Brandon Wolf recalled walking into Pulse on June 12, 2016, arm in arm with

his best friend, Drew Leinonen. Six days later, he helped walk Leinonen's casket down the aisle at his funeral.

Wolf admitted to the crowd that he felt like running away after the massacre but instead made a promise to his late friend: to "never stop fighting for a world he would be proud of." Now the media relations manager for the LG-

BTQ civil rights organization Equality Florida, Wolf said the anniversary of the shooting should remind people to recommit themselves to taking action.

"Bigotry and hatred are not asleep. They still move around us," he said. "And if we are going to snuff them out, we must make the same defiant choice we made on this site five years ago today, and that

is to embrace the power of community and reject the temptation to come apart at the seams of our differences."

Members of the onePULSE Foundation, a nonprofit incorporated by the owners of the nightclub, said a memorial and museum is in the works. The group also offers educational programs and legacy scholarships.

President Joe Biden said Saturday that he will sign a bill naming the nightclub as a national memorial. He emphasized in a statement that the country must do more to reduce gun violence, such as banning assault weapons and closing loopholes in regulations that enable gun buyers to bypass background checks.

At Saturday evening's memorial, family members read the victims' names as a slideshow showed their photos.

City of Orlando officials say more than 600 places of worship worldwide tolled their bells 49 times to honor

each victim who died in the Pulse Nightclub shooting.

The First United Methodist Church of Orlando gathered loved ones and community members and read the victims' names.

The deadliest attack on the LGBTQ community in U.S. history left 49 people dead and 53 people wounded as "Latin Night" was being celebrated at the club. Gunman Omar Mateen was killed after a three-hour standoff by SWAT team members. He had pledged allegiance to the Islamic State.

Deputy Orlando Police Chief James P. Young, an openly gay man who reported to the scene the night of the shooting, said he's seen friendships strengthen and the community unite over the past five years.

"If we use our shared experiences and our shared values, including those of strength and unity, love will always win," Young said. ly mix." □

Travel rebound: 2 million people go through US airports



In this May 28, 2021 file photo, travelers wait for their luggage at a baggage carousel at Miami International Airport in Miami.

Associated Press

By **DAVID KOENIG**

DALLAS (AP) — The airline industry's recovery from the pandemic passed a milestone as more than 2 million people streamed through U.S. airport security checkpoints on Friday for the first time since early March 2020.

The Transportation Security Administration announced Saturday that 2.03 million travelers were screened at airport checkpoints on Fri-

day. It was the first time in 15 months that the number of security screenings has surpassed 2 million in a single day.

Airline bookings have been picking up since around February, as more Americans were vaccinated against COVID-19 and — at least within the United States — travel restrictions such as mandatory quarantines began to ease.

The recovery is not com-

plete. Friday's crowds were only 74% of the volume compared to the same day in 2019. However, the 2.03 million figure was 1.5 million more travelers than the same day last year, according to the TSA.

The 2-million mark represents quite a turnaround for the travel industry, which was hammered by the pandemic. There were days in April 2020 when fewer than 100,000 people boarded planes in the U.S., and the CEO of Boeing predicted that at least one major U.S. airline would go bankrupt. Most of the airlines are still losing money. Southwest eked out a narrow first-quarter profit thanks to its share of \$64 billion in federal pandemic relief to the industry, and others are expected to follow suit later this year.

The fear of large-scale furloughs has lifted. United Airlines, which lost \$7 billion and threatened to furlough 13,000 workers last fall, told

employees this week that their jobs are secure even when the federal money runs out in October.

That's because airlines like United are upbeat about salvaging the peak summer vacation season. International travel and business trips are still deeply depressed, but domestic leisure travel is roughly back to pre-pandemic levels, airline officials say.

The airlines are recalling employees from voluntary leave and planning to hire small numbers of pilots and other workers later this year. Hotel operators say they too have seen bookings improve as vaccination rates rise.

Mike Gathright, a senior vice president at Hilton, said the company's hotels were 93% full over the Memorial Day weekend. He said the company is "very optimistic" about leisure travel over the summer and a pickup in business travel this fall.

"The vaccine distribution, the relaxed travel restrictions, consumer confidence — all of that is driving occupancy and improvement in our business," Gathright said.

Prior to the pandemic, TSA screened on average 2 million to 2.5 million travelers per day. The lowest screening volume during the pandemic was on April 13, 2020, when just 87,534 individuals were screened at airport security checkpoints.

By the middle of last month, TSA's average daily volume for screenings was approximately 65% of pre-pandemic levels.

As the summer travel season approaches, TSA is advising passengers to arrive at the airport with sufficient time to accommodate increased screening time as traveler volumes are expected to approach and in some cases exceed pre-pandemic levels at certain airports. □

China, U.S. diplomats clash over human rights, pandemic origin

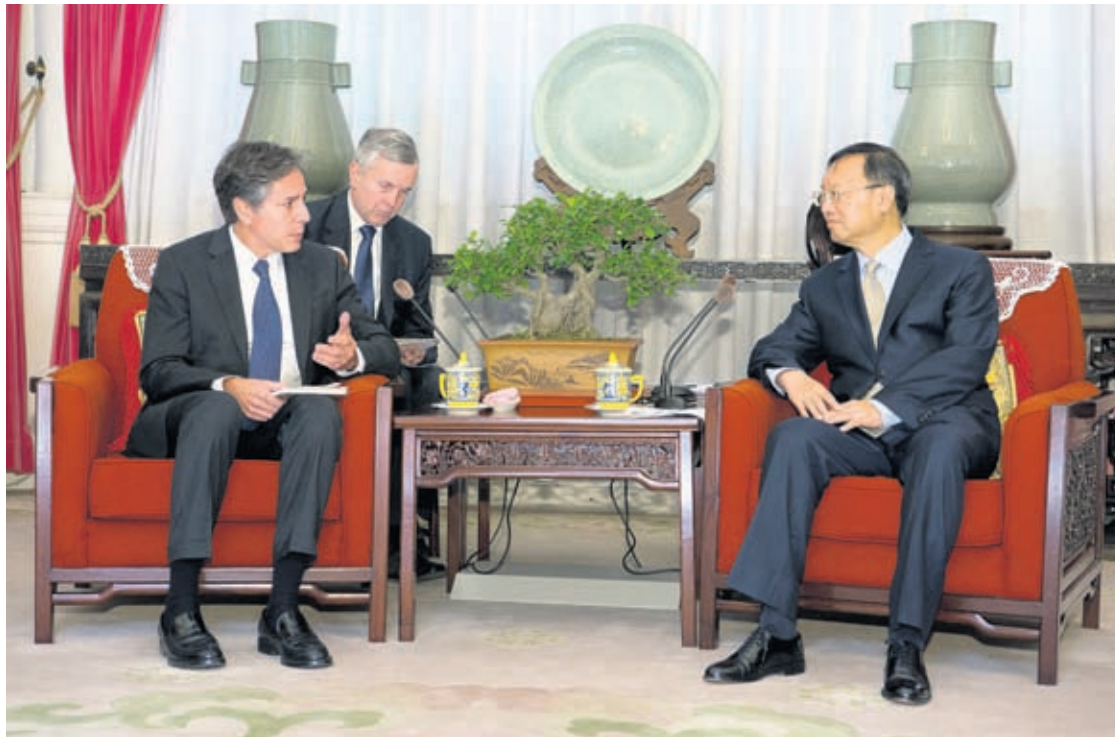
BEIJING (AP) — Top U.S. and Chinese diplomats appear to have had another sharply worded exchange, with Beijing saying it told the U.S. to cease interfering in its internal affairs and accusing Washington of politicizing the search for the origin of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Senior Chinese foreign policy adviser Yang Jiechi and Secretary of State Antony Blinken held a phone call Friday that revealed wide divisions in a number of contentious areas, including the curtailing of freedoms in Hong Kong and the mass detention of Muslims in the northwestern Xinjiang region.

Calls for a more thorough investigation into the origin of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19 are particularly sensitive for China because of suggestions that it might have escaped from a laboratory in the central city of Wuhan, where cases were first discovered.

Yang said China was "gravely concerned" over what he called "absurd" stories that the virus escaped from the Wuhan lab.

China "firmly opposes any despicable acts that use the epidemic as an excuse to slander China and to shift blames," Yang was



In this Oct. 8, 2015, file photo, then U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Antony Blinken, left, speaks with Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi during a meeting at the Zhongnanhai Leadership Compound in Beijing.

Associated Press

quoted as saying by the official Xinhua News Agency. "Some people in the United States have fabricated and peddled absurd stories claiming Wuhan lab leak, which China is gravely concerned about," Yang said. "China urges the United States to respect facts and science, refrain from politicizing COVID-19 origin tracing and concentrate on international anti-pandemic cooperation."

The State Department said Blinken "stressed the impor-

tance of cooperation and transparency regarding the origin of the virus, including the need for (World Health Organization) Phase 2 expert-led studies in China." The U.S. and others have accused China of failing to provide the raw data and access to sites that would allow a more thorough investigation into where the virus sprung from and how it initially spread.

Equally contentious were the issues of Hong Kong, Xinjiang, Taiwan and accu-

sations that China has arbitrarily detained two Canadian citizens in retaliation for Canada's arrest of an executive of Chinese communications technology giant Huawei, who is wanted by U.S. law enforcement.

The U.S. has "fabricated various lies about Xinjiang in an attempt to sabotage the stability and unity in Xinjiang, which confuse right and wrong and are extremely absurd. China is firmly opposed to such actions," Yang said.

"Hong Kong affairs are purely China's internal affairs," and those found in violation of a sweeping national security law imposed on the former British colony "must be punished," Yang said.

Blinken, on the other hand, underscored U.S. concern over the deterioration of democratic norms in Hong Kong and the ongoing "genocide and crimes against humanity against predominantly Muslim Uyghurs and members of other ethnic and religious minority groups in Xinjiang," the State Department said. He also urged Beijing to ease pressure against Taiwan, the self-governing island democracy China claims as its own territory, to be annexed by force if necessary.

According to Xinhua, Yang said Taiwan involves China's "core interests" and that Beijing "firmly defends its national sovereignty and territorial integrity."

The tone of the phone call seemed to echo contentious talks in March in Alaska, when the sides traded sharp and unusually public barbs over vastly different views of each other and the world in their first face-to-face meeting since President Joe Biden took office. □

Swiss narrowly reject tax hike to fight climate change

By JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — Exit polls on Sunday indicated that Swiss voters appear to have narrowly rejected a proposed "carbon dioxide law" that would have hiked fees and taxes on fuels that produce greenhouse gases.

The Alpine country has been experiencing an outsized impact from climate change. Switzerland has faced a rise in temperatures that is twice as fast as the global average, the government says. Greenhouse gases — notably carbon dioxide — are seen as the primary culprit. The proposal would have

revised and strengthened an existing law that was aimed at reducing CO2 emissions by 2030. It would have enacted new taxes on CO2-generating fuel and natural gas, as well as on airline tickets.

The proposal was rejected by 51% of the vote, Swiss public broadcaster SRF reported. However, local media said not all votes had been counted and the final result was not expected before late Sunday or Monday.

The climate proposal was one of several measures that Swiss voters cast their ballots nationwide on Sunday.

Critics of the proposal

called it ineffective since Switzerland's carbon-dioxide emissions amount to a mere 0.1% of the global tally.

Among other issues on the nationwide ballot was a referendum on the government's COVID-19 law, which was accepted. It will generate a surge in state spending.

Another initiative to improve the quality of drinking water in Switzerland was rejected — it would have made it harder for farmers to get state subsidies if they use some types of pesticides and antibiotics. A ban on the use of pesticides was also rejected.



In this July 21, 2020 file photo, Swiss photographer David Carlier takes photographs of the Swiss Aletsch glacier, the longest glacier in Europe, in Fieschertal, Switzerland.

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A majority of Swiss voters supported an initiative to grant police enhanced

surveillance powers and take preventative actions to help fight terrorism. □

Israel swears in new coalition, ending Netanyahu's long rule

By JOSEF FEDERMAN

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's parliament on Sunday narrowly approved a new coalition government, ending the historic 12-year rule of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and sending the polarizing leader into the opposition.

Naftali Bennett, a former ally of Netanyahu turned rival, became prime minister after the 60-59 vote. Promising to try to heal a divided nation, Bennett will preside over a diverse and fragile coalition comprised of eight parties with deep ideological differences.

But the 71-year-old Netanyahu made clear he has no intention of exiting the political stage. "If it is destined for us to be in the opposition, we will do it with our backs straight until we topple this dangerous government and return to lead the country," he said.

The vote, capping a stormy parliamentary session, ended a two-year cycle of political paralysis in which the country held four deadlocked elections. Those votes focused largely on Netanyahu's divisive rule and his fitness to remain in office while on trial for corruption charges.

To his supporters, Netanyahu is a global statesman uniquely capable of leading the country through its many security challenges.

But to his critics, he has become a polarizing and autocratic leader who used divide-and-rule tactics to aggravate the many rifts in Israeli society. Those include tensions between Jews and Arabs, and within the Jewish majority between his religious and nationalist base and his more secular and dovish opponents.

Outside the Knesset, hundreds of protesters watching the vote on a large screen erupted into applause when the new government was approved. Thousands of people, many waving Israeli flags, gathered in central Tel Aviv's Rabin Square to celebrate. President Joe Biden quickly congratulated the new government.



Israel's new prime minister Naftali Bennett raises his hand during a Knesset session in Jerusalem Sunday, June 13, 2021.

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"I look forward to working with Prime Minister Bennett to strengthen all aspects of the close and enduring relationship between our two nations," he said in a statement after a G-7 meeting in England wrapped up. He said his administration is fully committed to working "to advance security, stability, and peace for Israelis, Palestinians, and people throughout the broader region."

Bennett tweeted: "Thank you Mr. President! I look forward to working with you to strengthen the ties between our two nations."

Much of the opposition to Netanyahu was personal. Three of the eight parties in the new government, including Bennett's Yamina, are headed by former Netanyahu allies who share his hard-line ideology but had deep personal disputes with him.

Bennett, 49, is a former chief of staff to Netanyahu whose small party is popular with religious Jews and West Bank settlers. As he addressed the raucous debate, he was repeatedly heckled and shouted down by Netanyahu's supporters. Some were removed from the chamber.

Bennett, an observant Jew, noted that the ancient Jewish people twice lost their homeland in biblical times due to bitter infighting.

"This time, at the decisive moment, we have taken responsibility," he said. "To continue on in this way -- more elections, more hatred, more vitriolic posts on Facebook -- is just not an option. Therefore we stopped the train, a moment before it barreled into the abyss."

The new Cabinet met briefly, and Bennett recited a prayer for new beginnings and said it was time to mend rifts. "Citizens of Israel are all looking to us now, and the burden of proof is upon us," he said.

Bennett, a millionaire former high-tech entrepreneur, faces a tough test maintaining an unwieldy coalition of parties from the political right, left and center.

The coalition, including a small Islamist faction that is making history as the first Arab party to sit in a coalition, agree on little beyond their opposition to Netanyahu. They are likely to pursue a modest agenda that seeks to reduce tensions with the Palestinians and maintain good relations with the U.S. without launching any major initiatives.

"We will forge forward on that which we agree -- and there is much we agree on, transport, education and so on, and what separates us we will leave to the side,"

Bennett said. He also promised a "new page" in relations with Israel's Arab sector.

Israel's Arab citizens make up about 20% of the population, but have suffered from discrimination, poverty and lack of opportunities. Netanyahu has often tried portray Arab politicians as terrorist sympathizers, though he also courted the same Arab party in a failed effort to remain in power after March 23 elections.

Bennett, who like Netanyahu opposes the establishment of a Palestinian state, made little mention of the Palestinians beyond threatening a tough response to violence. He also vowed, like Netanyahu, to oppose U.S.-led efforts to restore the international nuclear accord with Iran.

"Israel will not allow Iran to arm itself with nuclear weapons," he said. "Israel is not party to the agreement and will maintain full freedom to act."

But he also thanked Biden for his support of Israel. He promised to take a different approach than Netanyahu, who has alienated much of the Democratic Party through his antagonistic relationship with then-President Barack Obama and close ties with former President Donald Trump.

"My government will make an effort to deepen and

nurture relations with our friends in both parties -- bipartisan," Bennett said. "If there are disputes, we will manage them with fundamental trust and mutual respect."

While Bennett's speech was conciliatory, Netanyahu's was confrontational. He began by boasting of his achievements, including diplomatic treaties with four Arab states and a successful coronavirus vaccination drive, before belittling the man who is replacing him. He accused Bennett of abandoning Israel's right-wing electorate and joining weak "leftists" to become prime minister. He said Bennett did not have the backbone to stand up to Iran or pressure from the U.S. to make concessions to the Palestinians.

"I will lead you in the daily struggle against this evil and dangerous leftist government in order to topple it," he said. "God willing, it will happen a lot faster than what you think."

In the opposition, Netanyahu remains head of the largest party in parliament. The new coalition is a patchwork of small and midsize parties that could collapse if any of its members decide to bolt. Bennett's party, for instance, holds just six seats in the 120-seat parliament.

Yohanan Plesner, president of the Israel Democracy Institute, a nonpartisan think tank, said the new government will likely be more stable than it appears.

Each party in the coalition will want to prove that it can deliver. For that, they need "time and achievements," he said. Still, Netanyahu "will continue to cast a shadow," Plesner said.

The driving force behind the coalition is Yair Lapid, a political centrist who will become prime minister in two years in a rotation agreement with Bennett, if the government lasts that long.

Lapid called off a planned speech, saying he was ashamed that his 86-year-old mother had to witness the raucous behavior of his opponents. □



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Nicaragua arrests 4 more opposition leaders in crackdown

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — The government of Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega arrested four opposition leaders Sunday, in what appears to be widespread detentions of anyone who might challenge his rule.

The moves over the weekend suggest Ortega has moved beyond arresting potential opposition candidates in the Nov. 7 elections, and has begun arresting any prominent member of the opposition. Sunday's arrests bring to 11 the number of opponents detained since June 2.

"It's not just potential candidates any more, it's political leaders," said former general and Sandinista dissident Hugo Torres. "This is not a transition to dictatorship, it is a dictatorship in every way."

On Sunday, police arrested prominent ex-Sandinista

dissident Dora María Téllez, and another opposition leader, Ana Margarita Vijil. Téllez's arrest is a major step: she was a leading Sandinista militant who led an assault on the National Palace in 1978, taking hostage the congress of dictator Anastasio Somoza in exchange for the release of Sandinista prisoners.

Following Somoza's overthrow, Téllez served as health minister in the first Sandinista government which ruled from 1979 to 1990. Like many former guerrillas, she later split with Ortega.

On Saturday, police arrested Tamara Dávila, who was active in Unamos, a movement formed by former Sandinistas angered by Ortega's autocratic ways, nepotism and perpetual re-elections. On Sunday, police also arrested Suyen Barahona, the leader of



In this Sept. 18, 2019 file photo, Nicaraguan opposition activist Felix Maradiaga, center, stands at attention as the national anthem is sung during a press conference in Managua, Nicaragua.

Associated Press

Unamos. Police said they arrested Dávila on charges related to a recently enacted law that classifies as treason any support for sanctions against officials in the Ortega regime; the U.S. has slapped sanctions on dozens of officials.

Dávila is also a central

figure in the opposition coalition Blue and White National Unity, which was formed following Ortega's repression of mass protests in 2018.

Under a law passed in December, Ortega's government has the power to unilaterally declare citizens

"terrorists" or coup-mongers, classify them as "traitors to the homeland" and ban them from running as candidates. The law punishes those "who lead or finance a coup ... encourage foreign interference, ask for military intervention ... propose or plan economic blockades, applaud and champion the imposition of sanctions against Nicaragua or its citizens."

Those accused "will be traitors to the homeland, and for that reason may not run for public office." Treason is punishable by prison terms of up to 15 years.

Ortega has already arrested four potential opposition candidates who might have challenged his bid for a fourth consecutive term, and now many Nicaragua opposition leaders fear it is only a matter of time until police come for them, too. □

Bolsonaro fined for flouting mask order at motorcycle rally

SAO PAULO (AP) — Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro led thousands of motorcyclist supporters through the streets of Sao Paulo on Saturday — and got hit with a fine for failure to wear a mask in violation of local pandemic restrictions.

The conservative president waved to the crowd from his motorcycle and later from atop a sound truck, where helmeted but largely maskless backers cheered and chanted as he insisted that masks were useless for those already vaccinated — an assertion disputed by most public health experts. Sao Paulo's state government press office said a fine — equivalent to about \$110 — would be imposed for violation of a rule that has required masks in public places since May 2020.

According to a survey by local authorities, 12,000 motorcycles participated in the pro-Bolsonaro event. Bolsonaro's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The procession of motorcyclists wound out of the city and back, arriving at Ibirapuera Park, where the president clambered atop a car to defend his denunciation of masks for the vaccinated.

"Whoever is against this proposal is because they don't believe in science, because if they are vaccinated, there is no way the virus can be transmitted," he said.

Vaccines are designed chiefly to protect recipients from getting sick, not necessarily from being infected. While studies show

many vaccines reduce viral load, and likely spread, not all varieties have been fully studied.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says, "The risk for SARS-CoV-2 infection in fully vaccinated people cannot be completely eliminated as long as there is continued community transmission of the virus."

Less than 12% of Brazil's population so far has received both doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, according to the Ministry of Health, and many Brazilian experts say masks can only be abandoned after the majority of the population has been vaccinated.

Bolsonaro also was fined for failure to wear a mask during a rally with supporters in May in the northeastern



Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro, waves as he leads a caravan of motorcycle enthusiasts following him through the streets of the city, in a show of support for Bolsonaro, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Saturday, June 12, 2021.

Associated Press

state of Maranhao. Governors of that state and Sao Paulo have been feuding with Bolsonaro over their restrictive measures to stifle the spread of the coronavirus.

Cristina Melo, 47, a busi-

nesswoman in the computer industry, said she and her husband were at the motorcycle rally "because we are patriots."

"And of course we defend our president Bolsonaro," she said. □

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Precautions and rules at Gate 5 and Welcome Plaza

ORANJESTAD - In connection with the opening of Gate 5 in the Port of Call Aruba, the Tourism Oriented Police (TOP Oranjestad) and partners have announced the following operating rules that will apply to cruise tourism from June 9, 2021.

Gate 5 is the gate through which cruise tourists enter and exit on arrival and departure in Aruba. The following rules apply to maintain public order, operational order and safety of ourselves and the visitors. The TOP also reminds the community that the traffic signs in the Welcome Plaza clearly indicate that the road is only open to tour operators and port personnel at designated times.

This serves to keep traffic to a minimum and to guarantee the safety of those who work on the Port's premises and visitors. The TOP and DVG will closely enforce the rules to ensure that the flow at Gate 5 runs smoothly.

Rules and Restrictions for Tours:

- All passengers must wear face masks;
- All vehicles must have hand sanitizer on board;
- A passenger list is required with the cruise ship name;
- Tours must meet all restrictions.

Rules and Restrictions for Tour Operators:

- Tour operators must always wear a face mask;
- always keep 1.5 meters away from others;
- should avoid agglomeration at all times;
- only 5 tour operators are allowed at Gate 5 at a time (10 guides). All others must remain in their vehicle while waiting;
- all tour operators must wait in the designated area and maintain social distancing;
- Return Tour: When tours return their passengers to the port, they must drop them off at the drop-off area next to Diamonds International, but in a responsible manner to avoid conurbation.

Landlords:

- Rental companies will be active at the Welcome Plaza;
- only one employee per company;
- face mask mandatory;
- social distance of 1.5 meters;
- if possible, disinfect the vehicle before and after renting.



Cab:

- Taxi drivers must wear face masks;
- all taxis must have hand sanitizer on board;
- agglomeration in any form should be avoided at all times;
- taxis are only allowed to run from the taxi rank in the Welcome Plaza;
- the taxi rank is exclusively for taxis;
- no other vehicle is allowed at the taxi rank.
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The police are calling on everyone to abide by the restrictions and rules. □



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Odds of settling U.S.-EU trade rifts? Hope may outrun progress

By PAUL WISEMAN

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden has vowed to mend America's trade relations with its European allies, which were stretched to the breaking point by President Donald Trump's mercurial behavior, combative policies and aversion to multinational alliances.

Yet when he meets Tuesday with European Union leaders in Brussels, Biden may find that making up is hard to do. The prospect of forging an accord to resolve their differences — and perhaps form a united front against an increasingly confrontational China — may be stymied by European skepticism.

Sounding a sour note about Biden's intentions, Valdis Dombrovskis, a Latvian political leader who serves as the European Union's trade chief, said in speech last week that the time had come "for the U.S. to walk the talk."

Dombrovskis was referring in part to Trump's 2018 decision to impose import taxes on foreign steel and aluminum — a decision that left European leaders furious and triggered retaliatory steps against the United States. Biden has been slow to take up the possibility of dropping the tariffs, which Trump had imposed on the basis of "national security." Asked about the tariffs during a news conference Sunday as he wrapped up his time at the Group of Seven summit in the U.K., Biden pleaded for patience with his young administration, saying, "A hundred and twenty days. Give me a break. Need time."

And with trade tensions still shading the trans-Atlantic relationship, the EU may also prove reluctant to join a U.S.-led effort to confront China over its provocative trade policies.

Then there's a longstanding dispute over how much of a government subsidy each side unfairly provides for its aircraft manufacturing giant — Boeing in the United States and Airbus in the EU.

"This has been going on



President Joe Biden talks with French President Emmanuel Macron during the final session of the G-7 summit in Carbis Bay, England, Sunday, June 13, 2021.

Associated Press

for 17 years," says Cecilia Malmström, a veteran of trans-Atlantic battles as the European trade commissioner from 2014 to 2019.

All that said, U.S.-EU relations are still certain to be much friendlier than they were under Trump, who regularly accused the Europeans of shirking their responsibility to pay for their own defense through NATO and of exploiting what he called unfair trade deals to sell far more products to the United States than they buy.

In a goodwill gesture in March, the Biden administration and the EU did agree to suspend the tariffs they had imposed on each other in the Airbus-Boeing battle. Several news outlets have reported that U.S. and EU diplomats are working on a draft communique that would call for the Boeing-Airbus dispute to be resolved by July 11 and for the U.S. steel and aluminum tariffs — and the EU's retaliatory sanctions — to be lifted by Dec. 1.

The Biden administration also announced Friday that Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo would be joining the U.S. delegation; her department administers the steel and aluminum tariffs.

Kelly Ann Shaw, a former Trump administration trade official who is now a partner at the law firm Hogan Lovells, suggested that the EU and U.S. are eager to move past their tariff battles "so they can move on and tackle some 21st century challenges, not the least of which is China."

Last week, though, Biden's national security advisor, Jake Sullivan, sounded noncommittal in speaking with reporters on Air Force One.

"There has been good progress in those negotiations," Sullivan said of the Boeing-Airbus dispute. "But I'm making no promises about what might happen."

Regarding the U.S. steel and aluminum tariffs, Sullivan noted that the EU agreed last month to suspend plans to escalate retaliatory tariffs on U.S. products — a concession meant to ease tensions and encourage further negotiations. But he added: "That's going to take some time to work out."

Asked specifically whether the United States would be rolling back the metals tariffs, Sullivan shook his head. The steel and aluminum dispute is an especially sensi-

five one. In moving to tax imported metals, Trump dusted off a little-used weapon in U.S. trade policy to justify the tariffs: He declared the foreign metals to be a threat to U.S. national security — a decision that startled and outraged Europeans and other long-standing American allies.

"Almost all the EU members were NATO members," said Malmström, now a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. "How could we be a national security threat? It was offensive."

Malmström said she was surprised that Biden hasn't already dropped the tariffs and hopes he will do so at the summit Tuesday.

"Maybe he's saving this as a gift," she said.

Complicating the political calculus for Biden is that U.S. labor unions and steel and aluminum producers — some of them concentrated in states important to Democratic election prospects — want to maintain the tariffs on the imported metals to help keep prices up. A key reason is that China, which churns out more than half the world's steel, has contributed to an oversupply that has otherwise kept global prices down.

Demonstrating a united U.S.-EU challenge to China's aggressive policies could strengthen the trans-Atlantic negotiating leverage. But Malmström said she is skeptical about whether the EU is eager to join the United States to face up to China and force a reckoning over its trade practices. The Trump administration's imposition of tariffs on \$360 billion of Chinese goods came against the backdrop of a roiling conflict over the predatory tactics that China is widely accused of deploying to try to supplant America's global technological dominance. Many trade experts say Beijing has coerced American companies to hand over trade secrets as the price of access to its market, forced U.S. businesses to license technology in China on unfavorable terms, used state funds to buy up American technology and committed outright theft.

Critics, including Biden, had lambasted Trump for alienating would-be allies like the EU instead of enlisting them to help challenge Beijing. For now, though, Biden hasn't called off Trump's trade war against China.

Malmström noted that among the EU's 27 member countries, "there is no full unanimity on how to deal with China." She suggested that the EU might go along with the United States on specific measures — perhaps cracking down on Beijing's subsidies to its own companies, for example — but still stop short of joining the United States in any wide-ranging confrontation with China.

"The EU will not just sign up to a U.S. agenda on the bottom line," she said. "The EU is not in trade war mode against anyone." □



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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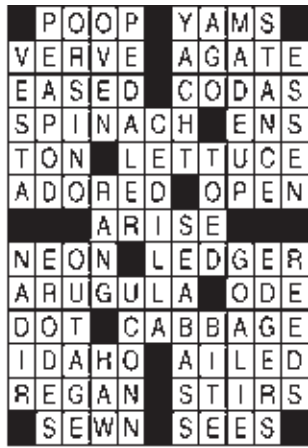
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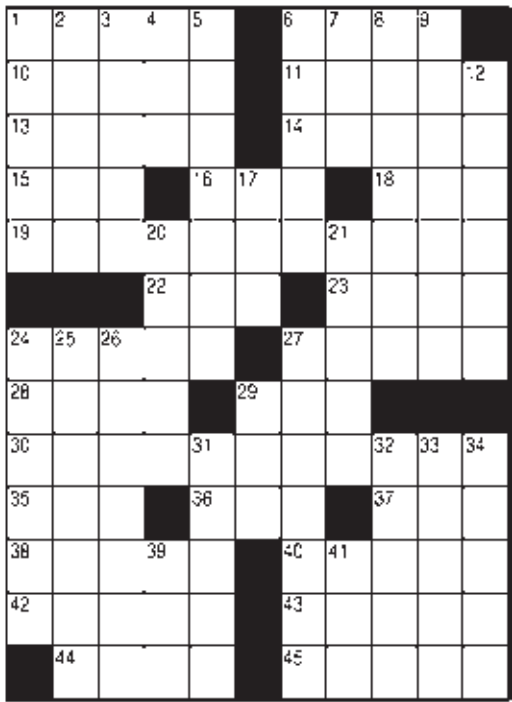
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Saturday's answer



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Saturday's Cryptoquote: DON'T CRY FOR A MAN WHO'S LEFT YOU. THE NEXT ONE MAY FALL FOR YOUR SMILE. — MAE WEST



Alex Miller grabs a loaf of bread from a shelf at Porchlight Community Service food pantry Thursday, May 6, 2021, in San Diego.

Associated Press

Food allergies complicate hungry Americans' search for meals

By KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, California (AP) —

When Emily Brown, a Kansas City mother, couldn't find foods that her 2-year-old with multiple food allergies could eat at a local food pantry, she mustered up the courage to ask about gluten-free foods or dairy alternatives. The response: "You got something."

The only things her daughter could eat were potatoes and salsa.

"It took, really, all of my strength to make it to the car," she said. "I cried in the car and then I just thought to myself, 'We cannot be the only family, I cannot be the only mother, struggling with this.'"

For the millions of Americans newly experiencing food insecurity during the pandemic, a particular crisis is hitting those with food allergies and intolerances: Most charitable and government food programs offer limited options.

While some pantries maintain gluten-free shelves or post allergen information, most were forced to limit clients choices last year, instead turning to contactless models where clients drive up and take a pre-made bag of food.

"Everybody deserves an

equal opportunity to select their own foods," said Carla Carter, director of outreach and programming at the National Celiac Association.

But, she said, "COVID drastically changed that into: 'Here's a box of food, good luck.'"

Those signing up for government assistance face similar problems. The program for women, infants and children - known as WIC - offers a substitute for peanut butter: It's beans, not exactly useful for making sandwiches. Soy milk is a substitute for cow's milk, but some people, like Brown's child, can't have either.

Food stamps, or SNAP, let families choose what to buy, but specialized foods - like gluten free bread or sunflower seed butter - are often far more expensive. In some stores, the latter costs triple the cost of store-brand peanut butter, gluten free flour costs four times a standard bag, and even the cheapest dairy milk alternatives are often double the price.

Feeding America, the nation's largest anti-hunger organization, hasn't gathered data on the overlap between hunger and food allergies or intolerance. But it's likely millions of Ameri-

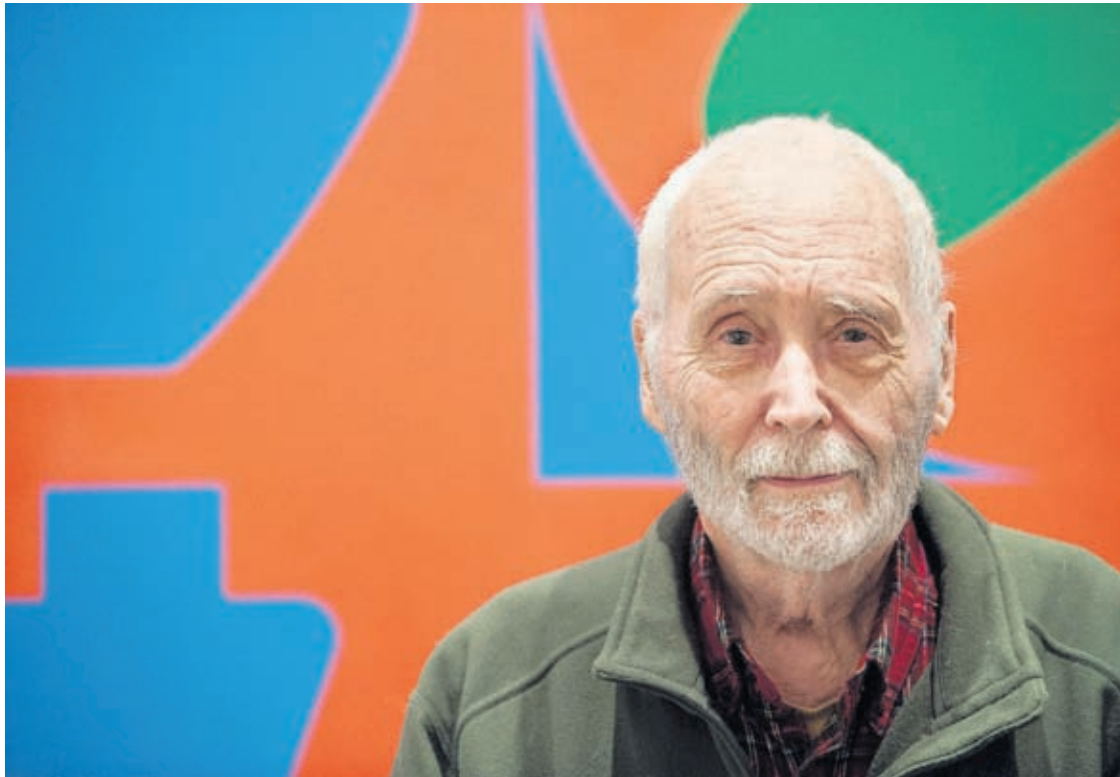
cans who are food insecure face some limits on what they can eat. An estimated 32 million people have a food allergy, and 85 million people live in a household where someone has a food allergy or intolerance, according to Food Allergy Research & Education, which advocates for people with allergies. About 1% of people are diagnosed with Celiac disease, which means they can't consume gluten, and about 6% of people have a non-Celiac gluten sensitivity Carter said.

Eight years after her food pantry experience, Brown is now one of the few people running a program dedicated to helping people with allergies and intolerance access safe foods.

Brown's nonprofit, the Food Equality Initiative, serves about 200 families with Celiac or food allergies, providing them \$150 per month to use in an online marketplace with allergy-friendly foods. Some of her clients use the benefit to supplement government assistance programs.

She launched a tour of food pantries in April to raise awareness, and she found many of those she visited weren't asking people if they had intolerances or special dietary needs. □

Copyright holder settles lawsuit with LOVE artist's estate



In this Sept. 24, 2013, file photo, artist Robert Indiana, known for his "LOVE" artwork series, poses in front of that painting at New York's Whitney Museum of American Art.

Associated Press

By DAVID SHARP
PORTLAND, Maine (AP)

— The estate of pop artist Robert Indiana has reached a settlement that keeps intact a longstanding relationship with Morgan Art Foundation, which holds the copyright for his iconic 1960s "LOVE" series, to promote and preserve his work, officials said Friday.

New York-based Morgan Art Foundation intends to work with the Maine-based Star of Hope Foundation, which aims to transform Indiana's island home into a museum to celebrate his work.

While the museum takes shape, the two organizations will work to display Indiana's artwork at venues around the country.

"We've done a lot of good stuff, but it's overshadowed by the litigation," said Larry Sterrs, chair of the Star of Hope Foundation. Completion of the museum is likely years away, he said.

Indiana's estate, which is valued at upward of \$80 million, had been entangled in a lawsuit brought by Morgan Art Foundation. The lawsuit was filed the day before Indiana's death on May 19, 2018, at age 89 on Vinalhaven Island, 15 miles (25 kilometers) off Rockland, Maine. It accused the reclusive

artist's caretaker and an art publisher of taking advantage of Indiana and producing forgeries — accusations the pair denied. That led to more claims and counter claims.

Under the agreement, Morgan dropped its lawsuit against the estate and Indiana's caretaker but not against the art publisher.

It also doesn't resolve a case brought by Maine's attorney general, who claims the estate paid excessive legal fees during litigation. That lawsuit contends \$3.7 million paid to four law firms and about \$400,000 collected by the estate's personal representative were

excessive. Indiana created a lifetime of art but he's best known for LOVE, spelled with two letters to a line and with a tilted "O."

It's been transformed into sculptures around the world, and was featured on a U.S. postage stamp.

The goal is display such artwork in a home museum that's going to be created at Indiana's former residence in a converted Odd Fellows Hall, a Victorian-style building, on Vinalhaven. Indiana also had several other properties that could be utilized for the art museum, art education and artist-in-residency

programs, Sterrs said. In the meantime, though, Morgan Art Foundation and the Star of Hope Foundation will work together to get the artwork in front of people at venues around the world, Sterrs said. Most of the estate's \$80 million worth cited in court documents comes from the art collection.

"The future is bright for the market and legacy of Robert Indiana, and the estate is pleased to have helped create this success," said James Brannan, a Rockland attorney for the estate. □



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'In the Heights' makes muted debut, edged by 'A Quiet Place'

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NEW YORK (AP)— Just when a party was poised to break out in movie theaters, the below-expectation debut of "In the Heights" dampened Hollywood's hopes of a swift or smooth recovery at the summer box office. Jon M. Chu's exuberant adaptation of Lin-Manuel Miranda's Broadway musical opened with a modest \$11.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. Forecasts had ranged from \$15-\$20 million. The release of "In the Heights" — a lavish song-and-dance musical accompanied by glowing reviews from critics and considered a milestone movie for Latinos — was widely seen as a cultural event.

On opening weekend, though, the Warner Bros. release narrowly missed the top spot. Instead, "A Quiet Place Part II" edged it with \$11.7 million in its third weekend of release. (It's close enough that the order could flip when final figures are released Monday.) On Friday, John Krafski's thriller — playing only in theaters — became the first film of the pandemic to reach \$100 million domestically. Its cumulative total is \$109 million.

Sony's "Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway," a film originally planned to open around Easter 2020, also opened softly, debuting with an estimated \$10.4 million.

After a string of good box office weekends, the opening of "In the Heights" was a reminder of the challenges of the marketplace. Most theaters are operating at



This image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Anthony Ramos, foreground left, and Melissa Barrera in a scene from "In the Heights."

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reduced capacities to allow social distancing. Canada's theaters are largely closed. And getting crowds to come out for a movie that was simultaneously streaming on HBO Max, as "In the Heights" was, adds another complication.

Starring a mostly fresh-face cast including Anthony Ramos, Melissa Barrera, Corey Hawkins and Leslie Grace, "In the Heights" didn't have the star power of musicals such as "Mamma Mia!" to give it a boost. Miranda, who performed the lead on Broadway, ceded the part to Ramos. Miranda plays a minor role.

Instead, the film will depend on strong word of mouth (it received an "A" CinemaScore from audiences) to propel a long run in theaters. Its hopeful com-

parison would be a movie like 2017's "The Greatest Showman," which opened to \$18.8 million but held firmly for months, ultimately grossing \$174.3 million in the U.S. and Canada.

"We always thought that the movie has to do the heavy lifting," said Jeff Goldstein, distribution chief for Warner Bros. "Even though it came in at a lighter level than we had expected, we're proud of the movie that's there and over time the hope is that we can get an audience to sample the movie and tell their friends to."

Warner Bros., as is standard throughout the industry, didn't release viewing data for "In the Heights" on HBO Max. The studio's day-and-date approach, planned to last through the end of

the year, has been much-debated. But previous Warner releases — particularly "Godzilla vs. Kong" (which managed a \$32.2 million three-day opening in early April) and last week's No. 1 film, "The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It" (a \$24 million debut) — performed solidly while also being available in the home. The "Conjuring" sequel added \$10 million in its second weekend.

HBO Max, Goldstein said, couldn't be blamed for any disappointing results for "In the Heights."

"Our experience, which is backed up on 'In the Heights,' is that if the movie hits a high level in theaters, it hits a high level on the service," said Goldstein. "If it hits a low level in theaters, it hits a low level on HBO

Max. They're really very comparable."

Last weekend, Disney's "Cruella" may have also made a somewhat muted arrival in theaters because it opened at the same time on Disney+, for \$30. In its second weekend, "Cruella" earned \$6.7 million, bringing its total to \$56 million.

"In the Heights" had originally been set to open in June of last year. The studio and filmmakers, believing its impact would be felt most powerfully in theaters, opted to wait for cinemas to reopen. Ahead of release, Warner put its marketing weight behind the film. Oprah Winfrey hosted a virtual block party for the film. On Wednesday, the film opened the Tribeca Festival with a yellow carpet premiere and screenings scattered throughout New York.

Regardless of box office, "In the Heights" is the rare bigger-budget spectacle film to feature a predominantly Latino cast. Though Latinos make up one of the largest groups of regular moviegoers (accounting for as much as 29% of tickets sold) their representation in Hollywood is still a fraction of that. According to audience surveys, about 40% of the opening-weekend audience for "In the Heights" was Hispanic.

The director Chu has previously helmed a breakthrough release for Asian Americans in 2018's "Crazy Rich Asians," which opened to \$26.5 million over three days and then kept a multi-week lock on the box office. □

Boston Pops July Fourth live show returning, with changes

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Pops traditional Fourth of July live show is returning this year but with some significant changes, the Boston Symphony Orchestra announced Friday.

Instead of holding the show on the banks of the Charles River in Boston, the Pops will play in front of a limited audience at Tanglewood, a show that will be livestreamed and broadcast live on television and radio, according to the announcement.

There will be no fireworks at Tanglewood, but the show will be followed by a live fireworks display from the Boston Common.

Last year's live show and fireworks were canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic, replaced with a virtual show to honor front-line health care workers.

Although the pandemic appears to be under control in Massachusetts, there just was not enough time to plan a live show in Boston this year, the BSO statement said.

The organization said that "after careful consideration... the Boston Pops determined that in order to best ensure the health and safety of everyone involved, it was prudent to postpone its return to the Esplanade until 2022, when there would be adequate time to plan and execute the complex event." Guests at Tanglewood this year include Jon Batiste, bandleader on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert; gospel singer and civil rights leader Mavis Staples; the Six-String

Soldiers of the U.S. Army Field Band; and U.S. Air Force Band's Singing Sergeants.

"All of us at the Boston Pops are putting our hearts and souls into planning our Fourth-of-July live concert stream for the many wonderful fans of the Boston Pops and the July 4 holiday," Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart said in a statement.

Attendance at Tanglewood will be limited to 9,000 people in accordance with local guidelines. □

Comeback! Djokovic tops Tsitsipas at French Open for Slam 19

PARIS (AP) — Talented and tenacious as they come, Novak Djokovic was not about to concede a thing after dropping the first two sets of the French Open final against his younger, fresher foe, Stefanos Tsitsipas.

Djokovic looked diminished and depleted at the outset Sunday. By the end, he was at his imperious best.

Aided by flawless serving down the stretch, the top-seeded Djokovic came all the way back to beat Tsitsipas 6-7 (6), 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 for his second championship at Roland Garros and 19th Grand Slam title overall.

"I don't want to stop there," said Djokovic, who spread his arms, then tapped his chest and crouched to touch the red clay at Court Philippe Chatrier after ending the match with a leaping volley.

As things stand, Djokovic is just one major trophy away from tying the men's record of 20 career Grand Slams shared by Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer and will get his first chance to pull even with his rivals at Wimbledon, which starts in two weeks.

Djokovic became one of only three men — alongside Rod Laver and Roy Emerson — to have won each major tournament at least twice. And now, as the reigning champion at the Australian Open and French Open, Djokovic can set his sights on another rare achievement: He is halfway to joining Laver (1962 and 1969) and Don Budge (1938) as the only men with a calendar-year Grand Slam.

The 34-year-old Djokovic eliminated 13-time French Open champion Nadal — a challenge the Serb likened to scaling Mt. Everest — in a semifinal that lasted more than four hours Friday night.

That was only Nadal's third career loss in 108 matches at the clay-court major tournament.

Djokovic also had defeated Nadal in the 2015 quarterfinals in Paris before losing that year's final, and it

appeared as if the same fate was waiting Sunday.

That's because Djokovic looked drained early. The 22-year-old Tsitsipas had the upper hand for two sets.

"It was not easy for me," Djokovic said, "both physically and mentally."

Eventually, though, he got his best-in-the-game returning on track and, remarkably, did not face even one break point over the last three sets.

That enabled Djokovic to complete his sixth career comeback from two sets down — and second of the past week.

The International Tennis Federation said Djokovic — who trailed 19-year-old Lorenzo Musetti two sets to none in the fourth round —



Serbia's Novak Djokovic kisses the cup after defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece during their final match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium Sunday, June 13, 2021 in Paris.

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is the first man in the professional era to win a Grand Slam tournament after twice facing a 2-0 deficit in sets.

"Suddenly just felt cold and out of it," Tsitsipas said. "It

was difficult to readjust. I felt like I kind of lost my game a little bit. I really wish I could understand why things like this happened and evolved."

Experience could have

been a factor, too.

This was the first major final for Tsitsipas and the 29th for Djokovic, who also won the French Open in 2016, to go with nine titles at the Australian Open, five at Wimbledon and three at the U.S. Open.

Of just as much, if not more, significance to the ultimate outcome: Djokovic is 35-10 in five-setters — including a men's-record 32 wins at majors — while Tsitsipas is 5-5.

"What I learned today is that no matter what, in order for the match to be finished, you have to win three sets and not two," said Tsitsipas, who was trying to become the first Greek to win a major singles title. "Two sets doesn't really mean anything." □

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Bucks tie series with 107-96 Game 4 win as Nets lose Irving

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MILWAUKEE (AP) — Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 34 points and the Milwaukee Bucks rolled to a 107-96 Game 4 victory on Sunday to tie their second-round playoff series with the Brooklyn Nets, who lost Kyrie Irving to a sprained right ankle.

The Bucks erased a 2-0 deficit by winning two straight in Milwaukee. Game 5 is Tuesday night at Brooklyn. Brooklyn's immediate concern is the health of its superstar trio.

Irving got hurt midway through the second quarter and didn't return. The Nets already are missing nine-time All-Star and 2018 MVP James Harden, who hasn't played since the opening minute of Game 1 due to right hamstring tightness.

That puts even more pressure on Kevin Durant, who



Brooklyn Nets' Kyrie Irving holds his leg after being injured during the first half of Game 4 of the NBA Eastern Conference basketball semifinals game against the Milwaukee Bucks Sunday, June 13, 2021, in Milwaukee.

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has carried the Nets this series and provided 28 points and 13 rebounds Sunday. The only other Net in double figures was Irving, who had 11 points before leaving.

After Irving made a basket in the paint to cut the

Bucks' lead to 44-40 midway through the second quarter, his left leg hit the right leg of Antetokounmpo on his way down and his ankle rolled. Irving landed awkwardly and clutched his right ankle as play briefly continued on the other

end of the floor.

When play stopped due to a change of possession, team officials went to the floor to check on Irving, who appeared in pain on the floor before being able to walk to the locker room. The Nets announced at halftime that the seven-time All-Star wouldn't return to the game.

Coach Steve Nash said after the game that X-rays taken on Irving's ankle were negative.

The Bucks already had taken the lead for good even before Irving's injury.

They got more balance Sunday after eking out an 86-83 victory in Game 3, when Khris Middleton and Antetokounmpo combined for 68 points, 79% of the Bucks' scoring output. That marked the highest percentage of a team's points that a duo had combined to score in any NBA

playoff game ever.

Middleton scored 19 points, Jrue Holiday had 14, P.J. Tucker got 13 and Bryn Forbes added 10 for the Bucks.

After falling behind 9-2 in the opening minutes, Milwaukee rallied to go in front 23-21 on Brook Lopez's 3-pointer late in the first quarter. But the Nets answered by scoring 13 straight points.

Milwaukee responded by going on a 19-4 run to regain the lead. That stretch was highlighted by a 12-0 spurt that included a four-point play from Middleton, two corner 3-pointers from Tucker and a dunk from Antetokounmpo.

The Bucks built a 17-point lead in the third quarter. When the Nets got it down to nine, Middleton answered by sinking a 3-pointer with 1.5 seconds left in the period. □

Dumfries scores as Netherlands tops Ukraine 3-2 at Euro 2020



Denzel Dumfries of the Netherlands, right, celebrates after scoring his side's third goal during the Euro 2020 soccer championship group C match between the Netherlands and Ukraine at the Johan Cruyff ArenA, Amsterdam, Netherlands, Sunday, June 13, 2021.

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AMSTERDAM (AP) — Denzel Dumfries picked a pretty good time to score his first international goal. After missing an open

chance in the first half, Dumfries helped set up two goals in the second and then headed in an 85th-minute winner to give

the Netherlands a 3-2 win over Ukraine at the European Championship.

"I kept believing that a chance would come and then you have to be in the right place," Dumfries said. "It wasn't my best match, but it was the most beautiful."

The winning header came only minutes after Ukraine had scored two late goals to equalize.

The victory vindicated Netherlands coach Frank de Boer's decision to play a 5-3-2 formation at Euro 2020 with Dumfries and Patrick van Aanholt as wingbacks instead of the 4-3-3 attacking formation favored by many Dutch fans.

"We dominated, created chances, and that is what

we want to see," De Boer said.

The Dutch were playing in their first major soccer tournament in seven years. The last time was at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, when they reached the semifinals.

Stand-in Netherlands captain Georginio Wijnaldum put the 1988 European champions in the lead in the 52nd minute with a powerful shot to ignite a five-goal second half. Wout Weghorst made it 2-0 in the 59th.

A cross from the right by Dumfries set up the first and his run into the box caused havoc in the Ukraine defense for Weghorst's goal. "Fantastic evening for him," Wijnaldum said.

But the comfortable po-

sition was turned upside down by two defensive lapses in five minutes.

Ukraine captain Andriy Yarmolenko curled a left-footed shot over Maarten Stekelenburg in the 75th minute and Roman Yarenychuk dived in front of Weghorst to head in a free kick from the left four minutes later.

"You know he (Yarmolenko) has a famous left foot. We should have neutralized that," De Boer said.

The defensive frailty was not helped by the fact that center backs Virgil van Dijk and Matthijs de Ligt were both out injured. Van Dijk has been ruled out of the tournament with a knee injury but De Ligt is expected to be back for the team's next Group C match. □